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Stormwater Runoff Pollution Management

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) was formulated in 1990 under the Clean Water Act. Phase I of this program was designed to address stormwater runoff from "medium" and "large" municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) serving populations of 100,000 or greater, as well as runoff from construction activity disturbing 5 acres of land or greater. Ten categories of industrial activity were also addressed.

In 1999 the United States Environmental Protection Agency expanded the Phase I program. The NPDES Phase II regulations include operators of small MS4s in urbanized areas and operators of small construction activities that disturb greater than one acre and less

than 5 acres.

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow melt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants.

Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a river, lake, wetland or other waterway. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies used for swimming, fishing and providing our drinking water.

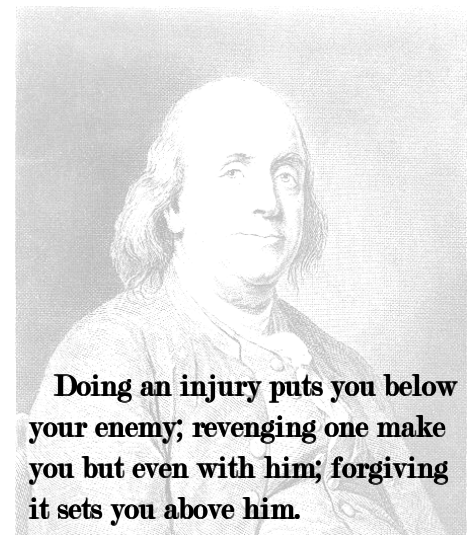
Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits,


homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

Please adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, stream, rivers, and wetlands.


A major objective of the NPDES program is to reduce and/or eliminate these non-point source pollutants entering our water bodies through a variety of methods public education, public involvement, water quality monitoring, and regulatory devices. The ultimate goal is increased water quality.

Regulated communities in Portage County are required to develop a storm water management program (SWMP) that implements six minimum con-





Flu Clinic (Portage County Health Department) October 23, 2008 5-6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Community Center



Randolph Fire Department Open House Trick or Treat. October 26, 2008 2-4 p.m.

Community Trick or Treat October 26, 2008 2-4 p.m. Leave your light on



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Fall Community Calendar

October

- 6 Quarterly Zoning Meeting 7 pm S. Center
- 9 Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall
- 13 Senior Lunch 12 pm Senior Center
- 14 Lions Club 7 pm Senior Center
- 20 Garden Club 7 pm Community Center
- 28 Historical Society 7:30 pm Town Hall.
- 23 Township Trustees 7:30 pm Town Hall

October 26, 2008 2-4 p.m.
Randolph Fire Department
Open House Trick or Treat
& Community Trick or Treat
(Leave your light on)



- 27 Zoning Commission 7 pm Senior Center

November

4 Election Day

- 13 Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall
- 10 Senior Lunch 12 pm Senior Center
- 17 Garden Club 7 pm Community Center
- 18 Lions Club 7 pm Senior Center
- 24 Zoning Commission 7 pm Senior Center
- 25 Historical Society 7:30 pm Town Hall

- 26 Township Trustees 7 a.m. Town Hall



27 Thanksgiving

December

- 8 Senior Lunch 12 pm Senior Center
- 11 Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall
- 16 Lions Club 7 pm Senior Center
- 22 Zoning Commission 7 pm Senior Center
- 23 Historical Society 7:30 pm Senior Cent.
- 2nd Township Trustees 7 am Town Hall TBA

25 Christmas Day



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control measures using Best Management Practices (BMP). These measures include: Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation and Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Control, Post-Construction Runoff Control, and Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping.

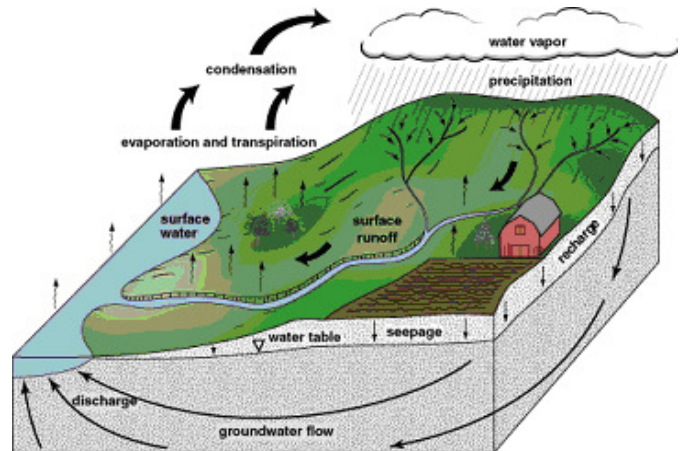
All construction occurring in Portage County will be affected by the new construction site segment of the NPDES Phase II Regulations. All sites with greater than one acre of disturbance will be regulated for erosion and sediment control. This will significantly increase the amount of sites currently regulated, and hopefully reduce the amount of sediment (a non-point source pollutant) entering our streams and rivers.

Stormwater Facts:

- 16 times more storm water runoff is produced by a one-acre parking lot compared to a one-acre meadow.
- A single quart of motor oil dumped down a storm drain creates a two-acre oil slick.
- 70 million pounds of active pesticide ingredients are applied to lawns in our country each year.
- Three billion fecal coliform bacteria are produced by an average

sized dog dropping.

- Over one million acres of land are converted to urban use in the U. S. each year.
- Approximately 27,200 gallons of water fall on a one acre yard during a one-inch rainfall.
- Recent research has discovered that urban stream quality begins to decline sharply once impervious cover in a watershed, such as streets, driveways, sidewalks and rooftops, exceeds 10%.



Emergency Shelter at Town Center

Randolph Township, in case of an emergency has the ability to provide assistance at the Township Complex located at 1639 St Rt 44 (at the intersection of St Rt 44 and Waterloo Rd.) The Community Center, Senior Center, Town Hall and Fire Station all have Back up Power which will make heat and water

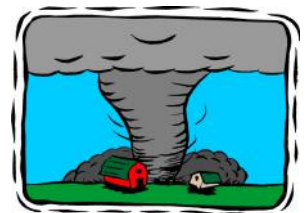
and shelter available in case residents are in need.

Contact one of the Trustees or any of the township employees if you need our assistance.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Township Trustees are requesting names of people that may need checked on in case of a

power outage, other utility failure or storm damage.

Please contact Trustee Roger Klodt at 330 524-7632 or Dan Kolaskey at 330 325-7338.





The start of winter heating season sees many more accidental home fires and CO2 related calls. Here are a few tips to help avoid problems:

Before using the fireplace or wood burning stove for the first time in a season, make sure the flue is open. The flue is a trap door that keeps heat out in the summer and cool air from coming in when the fireplace is not in use. You can check it by looking up the chimney to see if you are able to see daylight. If there are any obstructions, remove them. If not removed, these obstructions

will cause carbon monoxide to back up into your home. Carbon monoxide is a deadly, odorless and invisible gas. Artificial logs made from wax and sawdust should be used one at a time. Pressure-treated wood should not be burned in stoves or fireplaces because it contains toxic chemicals that can make you sick.

Never leave a fireplace unattended. Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually. Have chimneys inspected and cleaned when necessary by a professional chimney sweep.

Creosote is an unavoidable product of wood-burning stoves

and fireplaces. Creosote builds up in connectors and chimney flues and can cause a chimney fire. Don't burn newspapers or other trash in a fireplace because they burn too hot and can ignite a chimney fire.

When using Coal and Wood Burning Stoves, use coal only if specifically approved by the stove manufacturer. Gasoline or other flammable liquids should never be used to start a wood fire since it might explode or flare up. Also never use gasoline in kerosene heaters.



Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

Theodore Roosevelt

Portage County Health Department

Did you know that the Portage County Health Department was in your backyard in August? Beth Ahrens, Registered Sanitarian, spent her week at the Portage County Fair inspecting vendors for general food handling safety.

PCHD conducts over 800 food-related inspections each year. Health Department

staff were also at the fair giving away information about emergency preparedness, hand washing and food safety.

One lucky Portage County resident won the Emergency Preparedness Kit that was on display.

It's almost time to get your flu shot. The Portage County Health Department

will be at the Randolph Community Center on October 23rd from 5-6:30 p.m. For more information about services and programs, please contact the Portage County Health Department at 330-296-9919"



Randolph Road Department



A shortage of road salt and skyrocketing salt prices could mean slippery roads this winter in Randolph as our Road Dept. struggles to keep pavement clear of snow and ice without breaking their

budget.

Heavy snow last year heightened our demand for salt and if this winter is bad we may be forced to use the old salt cinder mix in times of salt shortage. We appreciate

the patience of all residents and drive safe this winter.

On the second week of October we are scheduled to pave Alexander Rd. West from Hartville to Aberagg.

Have a great Fall Season!





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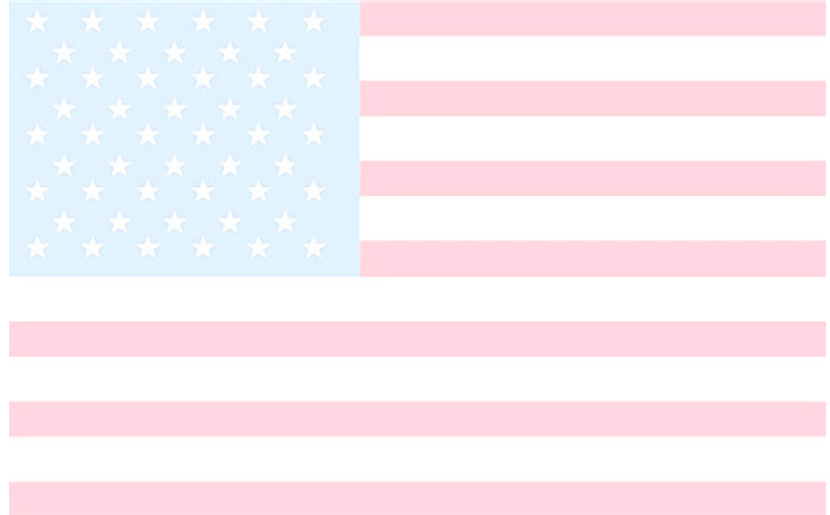
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May's Farm



If you are looking for some pumpkins, produce or a hayride May's Farm is the place to go.

Lee and Betty May began their farming tradition. In 1963, and with the help of their four sons, they have proudly grown the farm into what it is today. Presently the farm grown produce includes: 10 varieties of sweet corn, 3 varieties of beans, 4 varieties of tomatoes, 4 varieties of peppers and 8 different types of pumpkins. They later began wholesaling the pumpkins to stores and markets in various parts of the state.

In 1995, the May Family began offering educational tours of the farm, fall hayrides, pick your own pumpkin outings, and all out country fun. Over the last several years they have expanded the events to include a Corn May-ze, Themed Hayrides, Picnic & Play Area, Group Party Space, and an Old Fashion Country Store. The store carries handmade items grown on the farm.

It is interesting to note that the couple met while working at Hilgert's Farm.

Betty and Lee proudly invite you to visit the farm. Come and share in part of this years Fall Harvest!



Betty and Lee May showing off their pumpkin crop

If you have any suggestions or comments for this newsletter Please contact Dan Kolasky at 325-7338.



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From field to you
Means better taste
Less fuel used too
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